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- 1. Request for Corrected Filing Receipt
- 2. Postcard

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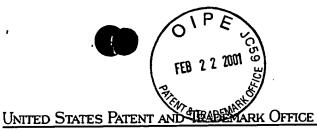
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NEW PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

- 1. Transmitted herewith for filing is a:
 - utility patent application [X]a.
 - Inventor(s): Tom VAN HORN, Richard V. HALBERT, and Dale A. WOODFORD b.
 - For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR EXTENSION OF c. GROUP BUYING THROUGHOUT THE INTERNET
- 2. This application is a:
 - [X]continuation-in-part application of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/409,237, filed September 30, 1999, which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/142,471, filed July 6, 1999.
- 3. Enclosed are:
 - (86) pages of specification. [X]
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